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GUY PARMENTER AWARDED THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Guy Parmenter, winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008, poses with two previous Lifetime Achievement Award winners, Martha Mulinix (2003) and Emily Champion (2006).

The Etowah Valley Historical Society presented its 7th annual Lifetime Achievement Award to Guy Parmenter at the Society's annual dinner held at Grand Oaks on Saturday, October 11. This award is presented to an individual who, over a period of at least twenty years, best achieves and represents the Society's mission of "promoting and enhancing awareness and preservation of the heritage and traditions of Bartow County". Previous winners have been Mary Ellen Taff, Martha Mulinix, Lizette Entwisle, Dr. Susie Wheeler, Emily Champion and J.B. Tate.

Parmenter has long been a leader of civic organizations, starting with his presidency of the Jaycees and more recently of the Rotary Club and includes being active in the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. He has served EVHS in many capacities as either President or Chairman of the Board for a period of twelve years. He was a driving force behind many prominent EVHS projects including the Vaughan Cabin, courthouse office, and Allatoona Pass. He currently is serving on the EVHS Board of Directors and serves as an advisor to Red Top Mountain State Park on their activities at Allatoona Pass.



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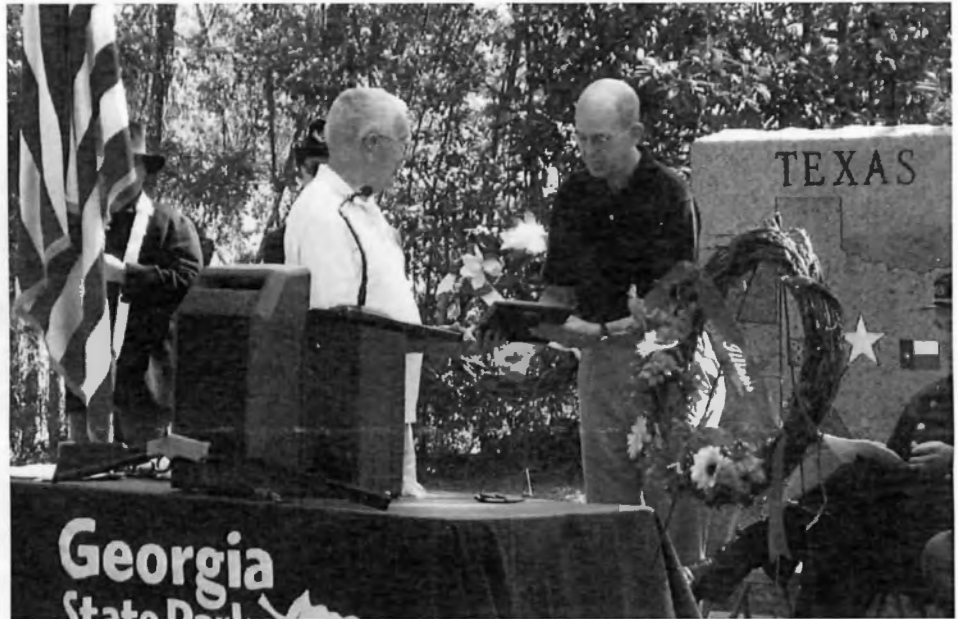
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TOM GAARD HONORED

Tom Gaard, an EVHS member from Iowa, was presented a plaque from EVHS for his efforts in raising funds for both the Iowa and Illinois monuments. Not only was he the largest donor, but traveled throughout both states raising funds and donating his own speaker fees to the EVHS monument funds. Total combined cost of the two monuments was almost \$20,000.

Tom is a native of Iowa whose great-grandfather fought with the state of Illinois at the Battle of Allatoona Pass.



Ed Hill, President of the Etowah Valley Historical Society, presents a plaque to Tom Gaard at the ceremony dedicating the monuments honoring the soldiers from Illinois and Iowa who took part in the Battle of Allatoona Pass on October 5, 1864.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Grand Oaks was the site of this year's annual dinner meeting of the membership of EVHS, held on Saturday evening, October 11. Following fellowship and dinner, members heard the president's annual report and learned the identity of this year's winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In the annual election, Wayne Rice returned to the Board of Directors after a seven year absence, joining re-elected Mina Harper and Sally Tonsmiere.

ANNUAL OBSERVATION OF THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS

The 2008 observation of the Battle of Allatoona was highlighted by the dedication of new monuments honoring those soldiers from Illinois and Iowa who participated in the battle on October 5, 1864. The monuments join those of Mississippi, Missouri and Texas.

EVHS members who participated in the two-day event and/or the Saturday evening reception for those people attending from Iowa or Illinois were: Genie Certain, Linda Cochran, Tom Gaard, James Hamilton, Mina Harper, Paul Helton, Lois and Ed Hill, Diane and Dennis Mooney, Guy Parmenter, Joanne Smith, J.B. Tate, and Sally and Louis Tonsmiere.



New monuments honoring those soldiers from Illinois and Iowa who participated in the Battle of Allatoona Pass were dedicated on October 4, 2008.

THANK YOU FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

EVHS recently received a letter from Richard L. Hume of the History Department at Washington State University, thanking Ms. Dorothy Anne Roth and other members of the Etowah Valley Historical Society for their valuable contribution to the publication on the membership of the constitutional conventions required by Congress (1867-1869) for ten of the former Confederate States to be re-admitted to the Union. The information furnished was on Joseph Parrot, President of the Georgia Constitutional Convention of 1867-1869.

Professor Hume is still looking for a photograph of Joseph Parrot. If any of our members know anything concerning such a picture, Professor Hume would appreciate hearing from you.

Note: Dorothy Anne Roth, a descendent of Sam Jones, was a long-time active member of the Etowah Valley Historical Society until her death.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Joseph Bazelmans, Sr.
Cartersville Service League
Dorothy Frasier
Ron & Lorie Goss, Jr.
Frank & Faye Johnson
Paula Kreamer
Tony and Toni Martin
Donald McMillan
Mary Ann McMillan
Tommy Rodgers
Ross Diner
Swheat Market
Louis & Jenny Tonsmeire, Jr.
Carole Umbarger



Walnut Grove Plantation has been operated by the same family since it was built. Current owner is Ann Cummings, widow of John L. "Skip" Cummings, Jr.

PIERCE MANNING BUTLER YOUNG

General Manning was born in South Carolina in 1836 and moved to Georgia with his parents as a young boy of three. After studying with private tutors, he graduated from the Georgia Military Institute in Marietta, Georgia. He studied law before entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, but resigned two months before graduation and enrolled in the Confederate Army.

His first assignment was at Richmond where, as a Sergeant-Major, he drilled troops. He was rapidly promoted and left Richmond as a Major. Wounded at Antietam, he remained in the cavalry service. He continued to advance in rank until reaching the grade of Major-General in December of 1864.

After the war, he returned to Cartersville to engage in agriculture but was soon engaged in politics and became the first Democrat elected to the post-war Congress. He was seated in 1868 and served there until 1875. He again returned to Georgia to pursue agriculture but returned to government service when he was appointed Consulate-General at St. Petersburg, Russia. He later served as United States Ambassador to Guatemala and Honduras.

General Young died in New York City in 1896 and is buried in Cartersville, Georgia.



HISTORY OF WALNUT GROVE PLANTATION

Dr. Robert Maxwell Young and his wife Elizabeth Caroline Jones Young were originally residents of Spartanburg, SC. In 1832, Dr. Young and his father-in-law, George Jones, set out on a journey to apply for and speculate in Indian lands. He kept a diary that described the land that would eventually become Walnut Grove Plantation as "the beautiful rolling land in the horseshoe bend of the Etowah River." They continued their search for land through Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana before returning to Georgia to apply for a land grant on Walnut Grove.

The Youngs had four children - George, Robert, Louisa and Pierce. In 1837, they moved the family to Georgia to reside at Walnut Grove. George became a doctor like his father. Robert went to Georgia Military Institute, married and moved to Texas to raise cattle. Louisa married Thomas Jones and had five children - Caroline, Emily, Mary Taylor, Thomas and Louisa. Pierce, who his father described as a frail child, was tutored at home, went to Georgia Military Institute and later to West Point where he roomed with George Armstrong Custer. Pierce was preparing to graduate when the Civil War began.

During the Civil War, George served as a Regimental Surgeon and was killed at Edray, VA in 1861. Robert served in the Army of Texas and was killed in 1864 in the Battle of Franklin, TN. Pierce, the frail child, was wounded three times and went on to become the youngest general in the war.

After the war, Pierce was elected to Congress and was the first to be certified and seated. Later he was appointed Ambassador to St. Petersburg, Russia. After serving there, he was appointed Minister to Guatemala and Honduras. He became ill while there and returning to New York City, he died on July 6, 1896. His body was returned to Cartersville and he was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Louisa, the child of Pierce's sister, married James C. Milner. The three children of this marriage were James, Jr., Louise and Ella. Ella married John L. Cummings and there were two children by this marriage - John L., Jr and Martha Jean. Walnut Grove Plantation has remained in the family and been continuously occupied by family members since it was built.

The renovation work that Ann and I undertook was done with the intent of restoring and upgrading the original while retaining the character and feeling that makes Walnut Grove what it is. The farming operation continues as it has for the last 163 years, growing cotton and corn in the fertile ground bordering the Etowah River. We feel that we are caretakers of the heritage of Walnut Grove who will practice good stewardship of the land and the house until it is passed down to the next generation.

Skip Cummings
President
Walnut Grove Plantation, Inc.

DUES ARE DUE

The fiscal year for the The Etowah Valley Historical Society runs from October 1 until September 30. Dues for the 2008-09 fiscal year are now being collected.

If you have not yet paid, please mail your check to the Etowah Valley Historical Society, PO Box 1886, Catersville, GA 30120. Dues remain at \$15 per person, \$20 per family, \$30 for a club or organization, and \$100 for a corporation or patron.

Monies received from dues are a major source of funds needed to operate EVHS. Even though you may be unable to participate in the activities of our organization your dues money is needed to insure that we will be able to continue the preservation of the history and traditions of Bartow County.

WEBSITE

The Etowah Valley Historical Society website is being updated by past EVHS President Guy Parmenter and a group of other EVHS board members. The website, www.evhsonline.org, is a great source of information on Bartow history and EVHS activities. The revisions will make our website an even better source of information than in the past.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Despite freezing temperatures and some confusion over whether or not the event had been postponed, four hardy souls showed up on December 6. Coleen Thornton, Tony Newcombe, Joe Bazelmans, and Ed Hill spent nearly two hours clearing fallen branches and other trash from the grounds of Friendship Cemetery.

A Spring clean-up will be held in more favorable weather.

CORRA HARRIS HOME SAVED

EVHS member Jodie Hill has transferred ownership of the Corra Harris home to Kennesaw State University, thus preserving this historic site for future generations to use and enjoy. Jodie did a great deal of work at considerable expense restoring the home to its original beauty.

Corra Harris, a well-known author, did much of her work at this one time home of a Cherokee chief.

Two past officers of EVHS, J.B. Tate and Joe Head, worked closely with Jodie arranging the transfer.

REMEMBER EVHS IN YOUR WILL

Submitted by John Lewis

Making a gift to the Etowah Valley Historical Society through a last will and testament is easy. Individuals should instruct their attorney to add a provision to their will naming EVHS as a beneficiary of their estate.

The following language is appropriate: I give, devise and bequeath (insert dollar amount or % of the estate) to the Etowah Valley Historical Society (tax #58-1368875) a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia or its successor organization. Said Trust is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to it are deductible under the provisions of federal income, gift and estate tax laws.

Individuals who made EVHS a beneficiary of their last will and testament are asked to provide an attorney's letter or a copy of this page from their will so EVHS can acknowledge the donor's generosity and properly plan for its future.

ORAL HISTORY

Submitted by Genie Certain

The Oral History Committee of EVHS has been very productive during the course of its existence in preserving history in Bartow County. Thru the use of video taping, more than 17 people have been recorded telling their stories. Copies of these interviews are available at the EVHS office, Bartow History Center and Cartersville Library. The original idea of the preservations of people's histories came from the Historic Inventory Committee, chaired by Mary Norton. Currently serving on the committee are co-chairmen Trey Gaines and Genie Certain, Mina Harper, Ed Hill, Carolyn Parmenter, Mary Norton, Tricia Simmons, and Sally Tonsmiere. Cheryl Kennedy and Earnestine Young-Jones of Cartersville Voice and Video provide the professional expertise of taping the interviews.

Interviews with Mary Ellen Nelson Taff, Lillie Mae Hill, Woodrow Bradley, Judge Jere White, Judge Robert Benham, Warren Aiken, Jimmy Dellinger, Horace Howard, Jodie Hill and In The Valley, Carolyn Parmenter, Martha Mulinix, Matthew Hill, Martha White, Margaret Bridges, Helen Calhoun, Adele Howell, and Thomas Champion have been completed. The Norton family, owners of Valley View, personally added an interview to our growing list in the inventory.

The Oral History Committee has an extensive list of people whose life experiences we wish to record. The committee is always open to suggestions from EVHS members.

Individual families can organize their own family stories. Call Genie at 770-383-3533 or Trey at 770-382-3818 for details of how this can be accomplished.

EVHS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately seventy people attended the Etowah Valley Historical Society's Christmas Party held at the beautifully decorated Rose Lawn Museum on Friday evening, December 5.



Joe Dabney, Wayne Rice, Larry Posey



Trey Gaines, Ron Goss, Jr., Lorie Goss & Genie Certain



Norma Tidwell & Louise Rogers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare one afternoon each month, our volunteer office staff can use your help in our office in the gold-domed courthouse. If you have the time, you will be trained by Linda Cochran, EVHS office manager. Please call our office and leave your name and number.

If you do not have time to be a volunteer, you may still help by referring the names of prospective members to Dianne Tate, EVHS Vice President. You are always welcome at all of our programs and dinners.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 21
HILLS OF IRON
Red Top Mountain State Park

October 3 & 4
ALLATOONA PASS

October 10
EVHS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

November 7 & 8
Tour of Homes

December 4
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Rose Lawn



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